

## DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

### THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Where We Came From"—The Uncompromising War Between Science Falsely So-Called and Revelation—Evolution Is Infidel and Heathen.

TEXT: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding oppositions of science falsely so-called."—1 Timothy vi., 20.

There is no contest between genuine science and revelation. The same God who by the hand of the prophet wrote on parchment, by the hand of the storm wrote on the rock. The best telescopes and microscopes and electric batteries and philosophical apparatus belong to Christian universities. Was there an magnetic telegraph? Professor Morse, a Christian. Who swung the lightning under the sea, enabling the continents together? Cyrus W. Field the Christian. Who discovered the anesthetic properties of chloroform, doing more for the relief of human pain than any man that ever lived, driving back nine-tenths of the horrors of surgery? James Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, as eminent for piety as for science, on week days in the university lecturing on profound scientific subjects, and on Sabbath days preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the masses of Edinburgh. I saw the universities of that city draped in mourning for his death, and I heard his eulogy pronounced by the destitute populations of the Gorgate. Science and revelation are the base and soprano of the same tune. The whole world will yet acknowledge the complete harmony. But between what text describes as science falsely so-called and revelation, there is an uncompromising war, and one of the other must go under.

At the present time the air is filled with social and platform and pulpit talk about evolution, and it is high time that the people who have not time to make investigations for themselves, understand that evolution in the first place, is up and down, out-and-out infidelity; in the second place it is contrary to the facts of science, and in the third place, that it is brutalizing in its tendencies. I do not argue that this is a genuine book. I do not say that the Bible is worthy of any kind of credence—that are subjects for other Sabbaths—but I want you to understand that Thomas Paine and Hume and Voltaire no more thoroughly disbelieved the Holy Scriptures than do all the leading scientists who believe in evolution.

I put upon the witness stand, living and dead, the leading evolutionists—Ernst Haeckel, John Stuart Mill, Huxley, Tyndall, Darwin, Spencer. On the witness stand, ye men of science, living and dead, answer these questions: Do you believe the Holy Scriptures? No. And so they say all. Do you believe the Bible story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? No. And so they say all. Do you believe in the miracles of the Old and New Testament? No. And so they say all. Do you believe that Jesus Christ died to save the nations? No. And so they say all. Do you believe in the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost? No. And so they say all. Do you believe that human supplications directed heavenward ever makes any difference? No. And so they say all.

Herbert Spencer, in the only address he made in this country, in his very first sentence ascribes his physical ailments to fate, and the authorized report of that address begins the word fate with a big "F." Professor Haeckel, in the very first page of his two great volumes scores at the Bible as a so-called revelation. Tyndall in his famous prayer test, debased the whole of Christianity to show that human supplication made any difference in the result of things. John Stuart Mill wrote elaborately against Christianity, and to show that his rejection of it was complete, ordered this epitaph for his tombstone: "Most unhappy." Huxley said that at the first reading of Darwin's book he was convinced of the fact that teleology had received its death blow at the hand of Mr. Darwin. All the leading scientists who believe in evolution, without one exception the world over, are infidels. I say nothing against infidelity, mind you. I only wish to define the belief and the meaning of the rejection.

Now, I put opposite to each other, to show that evolution is infidelity, the Bible account of how the human race started. Bible account: "God said, let us make man in our image. God created man in His own image; male and female created He them." He breathed into him the breath of life, the whole story setting forth the idea that it was not a perfect kangaroo, or a perfect orang, or a perfect monkey, but a perfect man. That is the Bible account. The evolutionist account: Away back in the ages there were four or five primal germs, or seminal spores from which all the living creatures have been evolved. Go away back, and there you will find a vegetable stuff that might be called a mushroom. This mushroom by innate force develops a tadpole, the tadpole by innate force develops a polywog, the polywog develops a fish, the fish by natural force develops into a reptile, the reptile develops into a quadruped, the quadruped develops into a baboon, the baboon develops into a man.

Darwin says that the human hand is only a fish's fin developed. He says that the human lungs are only a swim bladder showing that we once floated or were amphibious. He says that the human ear could once have been moved by force of will just as a horse lifts its ear at a frightful object. He says the human race were originally web-footed. From primal germ to tadpole, from tadpole to man, from fish to reptile, from reptile to wolf, from wolf to chimpanzee, and from chimpanzee to man. Now, if anybody says that the Bible account of the starting of the human race and the evolutionist account of the starting of the human race are the same accounts, he makes an appalling misrepresentation.

Prefer, if you will, Darwin's "Origin of the Species" to the Book of Genesis, but know you are an infidel. As for myself, as Herbert Spencer was not present at the creation and the Lord Almighty was present, I prefer to take the Divine account as to what really occurred on that occasion. To show that this evolution is only an attempt to eject God and to postpone Him, and to put Him clear out of reach, I ask a question or two. The baboon made the man and the wolf made the baboon, and the reptile made the quadruped, and the fish made the reptile, and the tadpole made the fish, and the primal germ made the tadpole. Who made the primal germ? Most of the evolutionists say: "We don't know." Others say it made itself. Others say it was spontaneous generation. There is not one of them who will fairly and openly and frankly and emphatically say, "God made it."

The nearest to a direct answer is that made by Herbert Spencer in which he says it was made by the great "unknowable mystery." But here comes Huxley with a cup of protoplasm to explain the thing. This protoplasm, he says, is primal life-giving quality with which the race away back in the ages was started. With his protoplasm he proposes to explain everything. Dear Mr. Huxley, who made the protoplasm?

To show you that evolution is infidel, I place the Bible account of how the brute creation was started opposite to the evolutionist's account, of the way the brute creation was started. Bible account: You know the Bible tells us how that the birds were made at one time and the cattle made at another time, and the fish made at another time, and that each brought forth after its kind. Evolutionist's account: From four or five primal germs or seminal spores all the living creatures evolved. Hundreds of thousands of species of insects, of reptiles, of beasts, of fish, from four germs—a statement flatly contradicting not only the Bible, but the very A. B. C. of science. A species never develops into anything but its own species. In all ages and in all the world there has never been an exception to it. The shark never comes out of a whale, nor the pigeon of a vulture, nor the butterfly of a wasp. Species never cross over. If there be an attempt at it, it is hybrid, and the hybrid is always sterile, and has no descendants.

These men of science tell us that a hundred thousand species came from four, when the law all through the universe is that, starting in one species it keeps on in that species, and there would be only four now if there had been four at starting. Agassiz says he found in a reef of Florida the remains of insects thirty thousand years old—not three, but thirty thousand years old—and that they were just like the insects now. There has been no change. All the facts of geology and zoology and ichthyology and ornithology, but an echo of Genesis first and twenty-first. Every winged fowl after his kind. Every creature after its kind. When common observation and science corroborate the Bible I will not stultify myself by surrendering to the elaborate guesses of evolutionists.

To show that evolution is infidel I place also the Bible account of how worlds were made opposite the evolutionist's account of how worlds were made. Bible account: God made two great lights—the one to rule the day, the other to rule the night; He made the stars also. Evolutionist account: Away back in the ages there was a fire mist or star dust, and this fire mist cooled off into granite, and then this granite by earthquake and by storm and by light was shaped into mountains and valleys and seas, and so what was originally fire mist became what we call the earth.

Who made the fire mist? Who set the fire mist to world-making? Who cooled off the fire mist into granite? You have pushed God some sixty or seventy million miles from the earth, but He is too near yet for the health of evolution. For a great while the evolutionists boasted that they had found the very stuff out of which this world and all worlds were made. They lifted the telescope and they saw it, the very material out of which worlds made themselves. Nebulae of simple gas. They laughed in triumph because they had found the factory where the worlds were manufactured, and there was no God anywhere around the factory! But in an unlucky hour for infidel evolutionists the spectroscope of Fraunhofer and Kirchhoff were invented, by which they saw into that nebula and found it was not a simple gas, but was a compound, and hence had to be supplied from some other source, and that implied a God, and away went their factory shattered into everlasting degradation.

So these infidel evolutionists go wandering up and down guessing through the universe. Anything to push away back Jehovah from His empire and make the one book which is His great communication to the soul of the human race appear obsolete and delusion. But I am glad to know that while some of these scientists have gone into evolution, there are many that do not believe it. Among them, the man who by most is considered the greatest scientist we ever had this side of the water—Agassiz. A name that makes every intelligent man on earth over unconquer.

Agassiz says: "The manner in which the evolution theory in zoology is treated would lead those who are not special zoologists to suppose that observations have been made by which it can be inferred that there is in nature such a thing as change among organized beings actually taking place. There is no such thing on record. It is shifting the ground of observation from one field of observation to another to make this statement, and when the assertions go too far as to exclude from the domain of science those who will not be dragged into this mire of mere assertion then it is time to protest."

With equal vehemence against the doctrine of evolution Hugh Miller, Farraday, Brewster, Dana, Dawson and hundreds of scientists in this country and other countries have made protest. I know that the few men who have adopted the theory make more noise than the thousands who have rejected it.

There is one tenet of evolution which it is demanded we adopt, that which Darwin calls "Natural Selection," and that which Wallace calls the "Survival of the Fittest." By this they mean that the human race and the brute creation are all the time improving because the weak die and the strong live. Those who do not die survive because they are the fittest. They say the breed of sheep and cattle and dogs and men is all the time improving, naturally improving. No need of God, or any Bible, or any religion, but just natural progress. You see the race started with "spontaneous generation," and then it goes right on until Darwin can take us up with his "natural selection," and Wallace with his "survival of the fittest," and so we go right on up forever. Beautiful! But do the fittest survive? Garfield dead in September—Gullean surviving until the following June. "Survival of the fittest?" Ah! no. The martyrs, religious and political, dying for their principles, their bloody persecutors living on to old age. "Survival of the fittest?" No. Bitten with the frosts of the second death be the tongue that dares utter it! It is not the "survival of the fittest."

How has it been in the families of the world? How was it with the child physically the strongest, intellectually the brightest, in disposition the kindest? Did that child die because it was not as fit to live as those of your family that survived? Not "the survival of the fittest." In all communities some of the noblest, grandest men dying in youth, or in mid-life, while some of the meanest and most contemptible live on to old age. Not "the survival of the fittest."

What is remarkable about this thing is, it is all the time developing its dishonesty. In our day it is ascribing this evolution to Herbert Spencer and Charles Darwin. It is a dishonesty. Evolution was known and advocated hundreds of years before these gentlemen began to be evolved. The Phoenicians thousands of years ago declared that the human race wobbled out of the mud.

It is an old heathen corpse set up in a morgue. Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer have tried to galvanize it. They drag this old putrefaction of three thousand years around the earth, boasting that it is their originality, and so wonderful is the infatuation that at the Delmonico dinner given in honor of Herbert Spencer, some fifteen years ago, there were those who ascribed to him this great originality of evolution. There the banqueters sat around the table in honor of Herbert Spencer, chewing beef and turkey and roast pig

which according to their doctrine of evolution made them eating their own relations! Slicing up their own cousins! Driving a carving fork into their beloved kindred! Dashing Worcestershire sauce, bedaubing mustard over their uncles and aunts. And while Herbert Spencer read a patronizing lecture to Americans, the banqueters sat around the table with their hands up, saying: "Dear me, it is the voice of a god and not of a man."

I am not a pessimist but an optimist. I do not believe everything is going to destruction. I believe everything is going on to redemption. But it will not be through the infidel doctrine of evolution, but through our glorious Christianity which has effected all the good that has ever been wrought and which is yet to reconstruct all the nations.

Away with your rotten, deceptive, infidel and blasphemous evolution, and give us the Bible, salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### COALING WARSHIPS.

This Task at Sea Involves Great Difficulty and Expense.

The inventor who does away with coal as a fuel for warships and also the necessity for taking on fuel so frequently will have achieved one of the greatest triumphs of the age. The coaling of vessels at sea especially in time of war is often a most difficult problem.

Apparently methods of coaling have improved but little, and are almost as crude as they were years ago. There perhaps seems but little need in improving this system when the coaling is done at the ship's dock, but at sea the difficulty of accomplishing the feat is increased a hundredfold. In the former case two or more coal barges are brought alongside of the boat at the wharf and manila fenders are suspended over the sides of the vessel to keep the two from injuring each other. Even under these most favorable conditions it takes hours or even days to coal a big ship. The best time the St. Paul could make before she was purchased by the Government was forty hours for taking on 3,000 tons of coal.

At sea when a ship needs coal it generally needs it very badly, and the coal must be transferred as soon as a collier can be brought to the boat, no matter what the weather may be, whether the sea be calm or the waves running mountain high. The collier must be fastened at both ends to the warship by cables. With these two vessels rolling and pitching to and from each other this joining of the two is a dangerous undertaking, for both might be sunk. The work requires the oldest and most experienced seamen. One set of men is busy keeping the two vessels apart. The first men drop rubber fenders where they are needed and the others, under the direction of an officer, tug at the helm and drop anchors to control the motion of the ship as much as possible.

The cost is simply transferring the coal is enormous. The St. Louis or the Harvard spends over \$50,000 in a year for getting coal out of colliers into its bunkers. For getting the same amount of coal from a collier into the vessel at sea the cost would be fully double that amount.

### ANCIENT REMEDIES.

Alchemy and Superstition Proposed Some Ridiculous Compounds.

It is strange to notice the great belief which the ancients appeared to have in the restorative properties of human blood. So, for epilepsy, diseases of the brain, and even for spleen, human blood was much recommended. "In the month of May take a considerable quantity of healthy young men's blood." The blood was distilled twice and dried in the sun. One wonders what the "healthy young men" had to say on this subject of blood-letting, especially as "a considerable quantity" was taken. In olden times no one need remain wrinkled. All that was necessary was to "smear the face with a mixture of water and the pounded root of wild cucumber." If any one was afflicted with freckles it was his own fault; the remedy was simple if scarcely pleasant; he must "rub a bull's gall on the face." To us who are apt to be irritated by dust or smoke in the eye while on the railway the following prescription should be valuable: "Chant the psalm 'Qui habitat' thrice over water, with which then douches the eye." A certain remedy for curing an inebriate was to give him as many eggs of the screech owl boiled hard as he could possibly eat, when he would ever after be a total abstainer. This is surely worthy the attention of the temperance societies. The search for "the philosopher's stone" seems to have been no mere craze of the unlettered. Men of unimpeachable ability and great learning wasted the greater part of their lives on this quest. Some supposed mercury to be the chief transmuting force; others thought that by sulphur the bodies of metals could be turned into "the most fine pure gold and silver." Though Bacon was a firm believer in the elixir vitae, Paracelsus was the most diligent inquirer after this wondrous liquid. He prepared a remedy called "Primum Ens Melissae," which was made of pure carbonate of potash and the fresh leaves of the melissa plant, on which was poured pure alcohol. Generally, however, the idea seems to have been that the elixir of life was composed of the four elements blended together—London Spectator.

### FIRES THE DYNAMITE GUNS.

Lieut. John Gardner Quinby, Ordnance Officer of the Vesuvius.

Lieut. John Gardner Quinby, who fired the dynamite guns on the Vesuvius at the recent bombardment of one of the forts at Santiago, is the senior lieutenant and ordnance officer of the dynamite cruiser. He was born in Rochester, N. Y., in 1860, and is a son of Brig. Gen. I. F. Quinby, who was a classmate of Gen. U. S. Grant at West Point. Lieut. Quinby was appointed to Annapolis by President Grant in 1874, and was graduated third in his class. He was the youngest member of the class, being only 14 years old when appointed. After leaving Annapolis he was assigned to the Richmond as an ensign, and served on her when she carried Gen. Grant on his trip around the world. He next served on the Lancaster, and from 1885 to 1887 was instructor in applied mathematics at Annapolis. His next service was on



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a cruise as Junior Lieutenant on the schoolship Jamestown, and then he was detailed to the receiving ship Franklin, at the Norfolk navy yard. For three years succeeding this he was in charge of the Government hydrographic office at Norfolk, after which he took a course of study in high explosives at the Naval War College at Newport. He is recognized as a torpedo expert and was assigned to the Vesuvius on account of his expert knowledge of the handling of high explosives.

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